



CHARLEY'S

I was visiting a mental hospital not long ago and while strolling about the grounds I came upon an inmate sprawled restfully under the shade of a tree. After a word of greeting the man sat up and eyed me with interest.

"What do you do for a living?" he asked.

"I'm in the restaurant business."

"A cook, huh? I used to be a cook, darned hard work."

"Sure is," I agreed.

"Ever try being crazy?"

"Why, uh, uh, no," I replied.

"Well, you should," he chorused, as he settled back in the shade.

"Beats cookin' 'n all heck," I thought, somewhat shocked, I walked away momentarily wondering which of us was the fortunate one. I found myself a shade tree and soon regained all my faculties and knew there was cause for the guy living where he did. In fact, I love cooking and being your host day after day and think it not only a pleasure serving each of you but think it a privilege to have my job.

You know there is never a dull moment around here. We keep jumpin' 24 hours a day but it is not tiring because we enjoy our customers. We have them by the thousands and the nice part is that there is never two alike. Occasionally we do have to have the patience of Job with guests frequenting our Cocktail Lounge. About a month ago two large turtles and a little one paraded into the Rumpus Room to quench their thirst with a jumbo martini. As they began to drink it one of the large turtles commented that it was raining. After a lively discussion it was decided that the little turtle should go home for their umbrellas. The little turtle demurred, afraid that if he went the big turtles would drink his martini. But they convinced the little fellow they would leave his martini alone, and he started after the umbrellas.

Three days passed, and finally one of the big turtles said: "Let's drink the little guy's martini."

"I've been thinking the same thing," said the other, "so let's do it." From down at the end of the bar near the cafe, a shrill voice cried: "If you do, I won't go after that umbrella."

The moral of this story is, "When you come to Daniels and order that platter of Southern Fried, you are getting a real treat." It's as precious as the little fellows martini. It's different, delicious and delightful. As the little colored fellow would say: "Man, it sho' am is fine livin'."

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
Bill Crow and Guest
1520 Beech Ave.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27
William E. Brill and Guest
Torrance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
Mr. and Mrs. Lew Humphrey
200 Cota Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson
2051 Gramercy Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30
Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyt
614 Pine Dr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Lees
1821 Cravens Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Piazza
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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Torrance City Council Aug. 24, 1954

Councilmen present: Mayor Nicholas O. Drake, Victor E. Benstead Jr., Willy C. Blount, Albert Isen, and Marvin M. Schwab. Others present: City Manager George Stevens, City Engineer James M. Hall, City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief W. H. Haslam.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. with Attorney John McCall leading audience in the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness of the Nativity Catholic Church offered the invocation. Minutes of prior meetings approved.

Bids for the installation of sidewalks on 174th St. opened. Apparent low bidder was Roland J. Struve, who bid \$2210 for the job. City estimates had been \$1900. Bids were referred to City Manager for study and recommendation.

Hearing on transfer of water service for Tract 15926 (Arlington Plaza) from Moneta Water District opened. No opposition voiced to request submitted by residents. Atty. McCall representing Moneta Water, asked only that his company be protected from civil action in the

transfer. Resolution setting date of transfer at Oct. 1 adopted.

Two letters from Frank Bartley, 142 Paseo de Gracia, protesting flooding conditions in area read to Council. Forrest Faughman, of 118 Paseo de Gracia, asked about City Engineer Bishop's proposal to sink drain sumps in the undeveloped lot in the area to ease the water problem there. Bishop explained that his proposal would offer "a measure of relief" only and that it was not a solution to the entire problem. City Attorney Hall reminded councilmen that any engineering done in the area by city would make the city liable for civil action if not sound. Bishop's suggestion to drop drain holes held for further study.

William M. Keller's claim for \$4460 in damages he alleged he suffered in an accident on Almsworth near 168th St. on Aug. 9, 1954 denied and referred to City Attorney.

A deviation from the Uniform Building Code requested by Carbone and Carbon Chemical Co. in construction of technical section of polyethylene plant approved on the recommendation of Building Superintendent John Russell. The deviation had been passed on by County Appeal Board.

Letter from Felix H. McGinnis, representing Ellinwood Corp., protesting action of City of Palos Verdes in closing and barricading number of streets which connect with proposed streets in Ellinwood development.

Request of State Division of Highways for approval of realignment of 182nd St. where it will pass under the proposed Sepulveda Freeway granted by Council. Realignment of street will permit two roadways to cross at right angles, effecting a sizable saving in construction costs of grade separation.

City Engineer Bishop recommended that operation of an abandoned clay pit on Western Ave. as a dump be subjected to conditions which would insure a maximum of compactation efficiency.

Proposal of Longren Aircraft for lease of airport property approved by Council and City Manager instructed to draw up the lease. Company will build a 20,000 square foot building immediately, and add to a total of 90,000 feet.

Meeting with representatives of Coldwell-Banker on development of 34-acre triangle at ar-

ter called for 11:30 a.m. to day.

City Engineer Bishop submitted report from State that traffic study of 174th St. indicated that a 35-mile-per-hour speed zone was indicated. City filed report as matter of record.

Letter from City Engineer Bishop submitting resolutions of modification for the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District and setting date of hearing accorded. Resolution 3818 adopted. (See resolution in legal section of today's HERALD).

Letters from George Binder, owner of considerable downtown property, read offering city use of three lots in the area near Borden and Sartori Aves. for off-street parking at a lease of \$1 a year. Council asked for estimates on paving and putting of bumper strips on lots.

Bid for new radio equipment for Torrance Fire Department awarded to Motorola Communications and Electronics Corp. on recommendation of City Manager and Fire Chief, Charles C. Moore Jr. of Pacific Radioles of Long Beach challenged the bid later. City Manager got the file and reported that the three bidders had bid as follows: RCA \$8,577.70; Motorola \$3871; Pacific Radioles \$3580.03. The Motorola bid stood.

City Clerk Bartlett announced that a list of special precincts for an Oct. 19 election was being prepared. The city will consolidate precincts for the election.

Council approved petition of John Brooks for variance to construct and operate a light industry known as Western Air Compressor Co. on northwest corner of 174th St. and Gramercy. Approval had been recommended by Planning Commission after no protests had been entered against the request.

Request of Fred Schweisinger for permission to build a garage on front property line adjoining a store building on 187th Pl. near Crenshaw Blvd. approved.

Final Tract Map No. 19626 calling for 114 new homes to be built by Stanford Construction Co. approved by Council

after agreement with Stanford President Tony Pavano on acquisition and paving of additional 15-foot strip of 178th St. on northerly side of development.

Tentative Tract Map No. 18911—an adjoining tract to 19626 above—approved subject to same paving conditions.

Tentative Tract Map presented by Bert Murphy for 10 lots approved.

Ordinance 704 fixing city tax rate at \$1.19 per \$100 of assessed valuation adopted.

Ordinance 705 revising the city's previous ordinances pertaining to fees for development of raw acreage to provide for new parks and recreational areas. Read and adopted at first reading. Will be acted on again next week.

Shell Oil Co. bid to furnish Diesel fuel to city accepted on recommendation of the City Manager.

Council authorized City Manager to order one 45-passenger bus from General Motors Corp.

Council authorized City Manager to purchase one piece of fire equipment—type to be determined by next week.

City Engineer Bishop reported that some of the residents of Dalemead Ave. were opposed to giving up front yard space to allow widening of the half-street. Councilman Isen suggested that a complete survey be made and a report given the Council.

Councilman Isen requested information on what the situation was concerning center-street parking on Torrance Blvd. between Sartori and Portola. Mayor Drake explained that the traffic committee had recommended delay of the move until the parking meter situation had been resolved. Isen asked that the center-street parking be instituted now. Chief of Police Haslam, who has opposed the center-street parking there as a safety measure, reported the results of a parking survey he had been conducting. Chief said his survey covered the three busiest times of the week: On Wednesday at 5 p.m., he report-

ed 88 unoccupied spaces on the north side of Torrance Blvd. and 42 unoccupied spaces on the south side between Sartori and Portola. At 11 a.m. Friday he found 32 unoccupied spaces on the north side and 38 on the south, he reported. Saturday at 2 p.m. he found 46 empty parking spaces on the north side and 42 empty ones on the south side in the area. Council did not order center-street parking.

Request of Councilman Isen to study the Braff system of parallel parking referred to traffic committee. In this system, two cars are parked bumper to bumper and ample space left in front and to the rear of each two cars to allow access and egress from parking stall.

Councilman Isen requested a report from City Attorney Hall on feasibility of collecting license fees from solicitors who take orders in Torrance but who are protected by law from paying license fees on distribution. Principal target of such license ordinance to be wholesalers of alcoholic beverages.

Councilman Isen inquired about the cleanup of Madrid Ave. and Madrona and Maricopa along railroad rights of way. City Manager Stevens reported that all had been cleaned. Isen moved that city crews be used to plant city property and railroad property with a cover plant such as ice plant. Councilmen Benstead and Drake both objected to using city employees to plant railroad property and Councilman Schwab protested that ice plant did not prove to be a deterrent to weeds. Isen's motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Isen moved that the Council make a tentative decision on what property it wants to acquire for off-street parking purposes and that the city employ an appraiser to report on the property. The motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Nicholas O. Drake reported the appointment of Laurence C. Wing, 516 Via Monte D'Oro to serve on the Planning Commission.

Harry Comer of Inglewood reported that results of hearing before Public Utility Commission would lower electric rates for Torrance domestic users.

PREPARED
"Has young Spendmore anything saved up to prepare for his coming marriage?"
"Yes, he has a white necktie that goes with a dress suit."

Obituaries

Lena Ivy Thomas
Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Lena Ivy Thomas, 74, resident here since 1947, who died Monday evening at Harbor General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Rites will be conducted by the Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church at Stone and Myers Chapel at 2 p.m. and interment will follow at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas, who lived at 2050 Arlington Ave. with her sister, Mrs. Ida Briney, is survived by two sons, Alvin of Goodland, Kan., and John, of Republic, Mo.; a brother, Earl Mahary, of Denver, Colo.; and two granddaughters, Eleanor Thomas of Goodland, Kans., and Leah Morine Thomas, of Republic, Mo.

Mrs. Helen Little
Mrs. Helen Anna Little, 59, a resident of Lomita for 18 years, died Sunday at her home, 21329 Monte Vista Ave., and funeral services were held Tuesday at Gamby's Mortuary.

Active in the Point Fermin Order of the Eastern Star and the Lomita OBS Chapter, Mrs. Little came to the local area from Indianapolis, Ind. She is survived by her husband, William, a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Washburn, of Okinaw, a brother, Alfred Albersmeier, of Santa Monica, and one grand-daughter.

North Torrance Group Seeks Election Slate

A search for civic minded property owners and business men of North Torrance to head up important committees of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assoc. was announced this week by Mrs. John G. L. Crain, who heads up the group's nominating committee.

A regular meeting of the group will be held at McMasters Hall, at 174th and Yukon Aves. beginning at 8 p.m. Sept. 1. Mrs. Crain said. Nominations of candidates for various offices will be received from the floor at that time, she said.

Any member of the association who lives or works in North Torrance is eligible to seek an office. Final election and installation of officers is scheduled to be held in October.

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